

WASATCH: Flooding Hits the Heber Valley

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This morning pumps continued to pump water from the basement of a home belonging to Joy Osborne, located on East Center Street. Pumps could be heard at many houses in Heber this morning.

Osborne's home was listed for sale for about \$250,000 said real-estate agent Tom Baum.

"Water went in one side and out the other," said Mrs. Osborne this morning.

"It washed soil away from the foundation and was quite bad." She said an exact estimate couldn't be made until the water was out of the basement and professional inspectors could fully evaluate damage.

"They are still getting water pumped out this morning and it appears there is about a foot or so of mud at the bottom," She said.

Hilton Hauter was another of the yet-untallied flood victims.

"My basement and garage was

flooded," Hauter said. He lives at 164 E. 160 N. in the heavily-residential downtown area east of Main Street.

Bob Muir took his job as public works director in Heber seriously and drove a backhoe to a rural area northeast of Heber Wednesday where the Wasatch Canal was plugged with ice and adding to flooding problem in the downtown area.

"The water is running off the foothills and flowing toward town," he said as he worked to clear the canal.

"This is the worst and earliest flooding I've experienced since about 1961," he said.

This morning water was still running through town, but not as swift and high as Wednesday.

Heber residents said they hoped for an end to the rain and blue sky. The forecast today was for a 60 percent chance of measurable precipitation.

Pl. Grove Prepares Money Request for Development Fund

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PLEASANT GROVE — Pleasant Grove hopes to get Community Development Block Grant money for a proposed revolving economic development fund.

The city council voted this week to apply for the funds.

Pleasant Grove Mayor David Holdaway made the economic fund proposal during a January public hearing and again during a final public hearing Tuesday night. The hearings were conducted to gain input for possible other grant priorities.

Some citizens had suggestions for grant money, however, the council felt other suggestions that were made did not rank high in terms of city need.

"The grants must meet criteria of helping low income people or helping alleviate an emergency sit-

could be paid back over a ten year period. Residents on the troubled street agreed to meet and discuss the option and estimated costs of \$10-\$15 per foot. They will also try to meet with PTA representatives to discuss possible funding and then meet again with the council.

The council approved a request by Roger Roper to allow a historical architect to evaluate the Bell School. Roper, who is Pleasant Grove's Historic Preservation Chairman, said an architect could examine the old adobe structure and make helpful priority recommendations concerning restoration. The council appropriated \$200 to be spent on the evaluation.

Mayor Holdaway reported to the council that Cedar Hills was considering accepting bids from American Fork for fire and ambulance protection. Cedar Hills presently contracts those services from Pleasant Grove City for \$700 per